

THE CURTIS CUP TEAMS

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FOUR EXPERIENCED international golfers and four newcomers have accepted invitations to represent the USGA against a team of women amateurs from the British Isles in the eighth Match for the Curtis Cup at the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., next month.

The Captain of the Team is Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, of Ardmore, Pa. Although Mrs. Flippin is a prominent player, she will be a non-playing Captain. The eight players are:

MISS CLAIRE DORAN, Cleveland, Ohio
MISS MARY LENA FAULK, Thomasville, Ga.

MISS DOROTHY KIRBY, Atlanta, Ga.
MISS PATRICIA LESSER, Seattle, Wash.
MISS POLLY RILEY, Fort Worth, Texas
MISS BARBARA ROMACK, Sacramento, Cal.

MRS. HOWARD K. SMITH (*nee* GRACE DEMOSS), Coral Gables, Fla.
MISS JOYCE ZISKE, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Misses Doran, Kirby and Riley and Mrs. Smith have played on previous Teams. The Misses Faulk, Lesser, Romack and Ziske are new to the Team.

If any of these should be unable to attend the Match, an invitation would be issued to one of the following alternates, in order:

MRS. ROBERT L. IHLANFELDT (*nee* EDEAN ANDERSON), Seattle, Wash.
MISS MARY ANN DOWNEY, Baltimore, Md.
MISS HUGH B. JONES, JR., (*nee* MAE MURRAY), Montpelier, Vt.

The customary principles governed the selection of this Team. They are:

1. Merit as a competitive golfer, based upon records in tournaments of importance in recent years.

2. Sportsmanship and general ability to represent the United States in international relations.

3. Unquestioned status as an amateur golfer.

Selection of Team members is not influenced by age, geography or any factors other than those named above.

In choosing this Team, a Selection Committee composed of members of the Women's Committee considered twenty-one candidates who had been nominated for consideration and presented its recommendation to the Women's Committee. The Women's Committee in turn considered the matter and presented its recommendation to the Executive Committee, which approved the selections.

Those selected are due to report to Mrs. Flippin at the Merion Golf Club on Sunday afternoon, August 29, for team practice.

The Match will start on Thursday, September 2, with three 36-hole foursomes, and will conclude on Friday, September 3, with six 36-hole singles. Matches even after 36 holes will be considered halved and will not be played to a conclusion.

The Captain of the British Team is Mrs. John Beck, of Ascot, England, and the other players are:

MISS JEANNE BISGOOD, England
MISS PHILOMENA GARVEY, Ireland
MRS. R. T. PEEL, Scotland
MISS ELIZABETH PRICE, England
MISS JANETTE ROBERTSON, Scotland
MISS FRANCES STEPHENS, England
MRS. GEORGE VALENTINE (*nee* JESSIE ANDERSON), Scotland

Of this group, only Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Peel and Miss Robertson, who is 19 and the

youngest player in the Match, are new to the competition. The Misses Bisgood, Garvey, Price and Stephens and Mrs. Valentine not only played in the last Match, at Muirfield, Scotland, in 1952, but also in the last Match in this country, at the Country Club of Buffalo, N. Y., in 1950.

Miss Stephens recently won the British Championship for the second time, and Mrs. Valentine also has held that title.

Mrs. Beck already has made a preliminary visit to this country to confer on arrangements. The British Team will sail on the S.S. Atlantic, docking at Quebec on August 18. It will play an exhibition against a Canadian group at the Beaconsfield Golf Club, near Quebec, on August 24 and travel to Philadelphia on August 25. The Team members plan to week-end at the Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, N. J.

The British now hold the Curtis Cup. They won it for the first time at Muirfield in 1952, by a score of 5 to 4. Previously, the USGA Team had won five Matches and another had been halved.

The series was originated in 1932, after the Misses Harriot and Margaret Curtis, of Manchester, Mass., had offered the Cup for international competition among teams of women amateur golfers, and has been held every other year, alternately in this country and abroad, except during the war years.

Sketches of the United States Captain and players follow:

Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin

Mrs. Flippin, the non-playing Captain, is serving in that capacity for the first time. She is Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, attended Bryn Mawr, lives in Ardmore, Pa., and is a member of the Merion Golf Club, where the Match will be held.

As Miss Edith Quier, she won the Eastern and Pennsylvania Amateur Championships in 1936, and she has held the Philadelphia Championship on three occasions.



MRS. HARRISON F. FLIPPIN

Miss Claire Doran

Miss Doran, a member of the Team in 1952, has both bachelor's and master's



degrees from Western Reserve University and devotes part of her time to teaching. Her home is in Cleveland, Ohio, and she represents the Westwood Country Club.

She won the Western Amateur and Ohio Amateur Championships last year, the latter for the third time, and is the 1954 Western Amateur Champion. While she lost in the third round in the last USGA Women's Amateur Championship to Miss Patricia Lesser, she was runner-up to Miss Dorothy Kirby in 1951 and a quarter-finalist in 1952. She is a member of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee.

In the 1952 Match at Muirfield, Scotland, Miss Doran defeated Miss Philomena Garvey in singles, 3 and 2, and she and Mrs. Marjorie Lindsay McMillen defeated Miss Frances Stephens and Mrs. George Valentine in foursomes, 6 and 4. She went to the fourth round of the British Championship following the Match.

Miss Mary Lena Faulk

Although Miss Faulk is the USGA Women's Amateur Champion, she is representing her country in international team com-



petition for the first time. She is a bookkeeper, attended Ward-Belmont, Florida State University, lives in Thomasville, Ga., and is a member of the Glen Arven Country Club.

Last year prior to winning the Women's Amateur, she was runner-up in the North and South Tournament, a semi-finalist in the British and the Trans-Mississippi Championships and made an impressive showing in the winter tournaments in Florida. She was Georgia Champion in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

Miss Dorothy Kirby

Miss Kirby, the USGA Women's Amateur Champion in 1951 and a member of the last three Teams, is in the sales department of a television station in Atlanta, Ga. She is a member of the Capital City Club.

Her golf career started at the age of 13 when she won the Georgia Championship and it has included two other appearances in the final of the Women's Amateur. Last year she was a quarter-finalist in the Women's Amateur and a semi-finalist in the Western Open.



In the 1948 Match at Birkdale, England, she lost to Miss Jean Donald, 2 down, but she and Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., defeated Miss Garvey and Mrs. Zara Bolton, 4 and 3, in foursomes. She also reached the quarter-final round of the British Championship that year. In the 1950 Match at the Country Club of Buffalo, N. Y., she and Miss Dorothy Kielty defeated Miss Garvey and Miss Jeanne Bisgood, 6 and 5, in foursomes. In the 1952 Match, she defeated Miss Donald, 1 up; and she and Mrs. Howard K. Smith lost to Miss Donald and Miss Elizabeth Price in foursomes, 3 and 2.

Miss Patricia Lesser

Miss Lesser lives in Seattle, Wash., was graduated from Seattle University last



spring and represents the Sand Point Country Club. She is 21 and is also a first-time member of the Team.

Last year she was a quarter-finalist and the year before a semi-finalist in the USGA Women's Amateur Championship. She won the Collegiate and Pacific Northwest Championships, was first amateur in the USGA Women's Open Championship and a semi-finalist in the Canadian and Western Open Championships. She won the USGA Girls' Junior in 1950.



Miss Polly Riley

Miss Riley is an advertising sales representative in Fort Worth, Texas, and plays at the River Crest Country Club.

In addition to playing with the last three Curtis Cup Teams, she has won the Southern Championship five times, the Western Amateur, the Trans-Mississippi and the Texas Amateur and Open Championships. She was runner-up to Miss Faulk in the last USGA Women's Amateur and has been a quarter-finalist three times.

In the 1948 Match at Birkdale, England, she defeated Miss Maureen Ruttle, 3 and 2, and was beaten in the second round of the British Championship. In the 1950 Match, she defeated Mrs. Valentine, 7 and 6. In the 1952 Match, she defeated Miss Moira Paterson, 6 and 4, but she and Miss Patricia O'Sullivan lost to Miss Paterson and Miss Garvey, 2 and 1, in foursomes.

Miss Barbara Romack

Miss Romack, another 21-year-old, is the Canadian Champion. She attended Sacramento College, sells life insurance in Sacramento, Cal., plays at the Del Paso Country Club there and will be making her debut as a member of the international team.

She lost in the fourth round of the



USGA Women's Amateur last year and in the quarter-finals two years ago. She won the North and South Tournament and the California Championship in 1952.

Mrs. Howard K. Smith

Mrs. Smith, nee Grace DeMoss, a member of the 1952 Team, is now a housewife in Coral Gables, Fla., but she is a graduate of Oregon State College and a member of the Corvallis Country Club, Corvallis, Ore.

She reached the semi-final round of the

1950 and 1951 USGA Women's Amateur Championships and was in the fifth round last year. She won the 1949 Canadian Championship and gained the Canadian final again in 1950. She has taken the Pacific Northwest, Oregon State, Oregon Women's Golf Association and Arizona Championships.

In the 1952 Match, she lost to Miss Price, 3 and 2, in the decisive singles match; and she and Miss Kirby lost to Miss Price and Miss Donald, 3 and 2.



Miss Joyce Ziske

Miss Ziske is also a new member of the Team and, at 20, is its youngest member. She lives in Milwaukee, Wis., and plays at the Rivermoor Country Club in nearby Waterford.

While she attracted attention by defeating Miss Marlene Stewart, then the British Champion, at the nineteenth hole on the first day of play in the USGA Women's Amateur Championship last summer, she really came into her own last winter by making a remarkable record against many of the best women players in Florida and Mid-South tournaments. She won both the Palm Beach and North and South Tournaments. She was Wisconsin Champion in 1952.

